

STATE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Divorce etc. Statistics

1. Writs Issued and Orders Granted in 5 year periods ended 1920 to 1950 and annually 1949 to 1954.

Particulars	Averages for 5 years ended -					
	1920	1930	1935	1940	1945	1950
WRITS						
Divorce	64.4	152.2	235.6	311.4	616.2	777.0
Judicial Separation	1.2	1.8	0.4	-	1.4	1.0
Nullity of Marriage	-	1.8	0.6	0.2	0.4	4.4
Total	65.6	155.8	236.6	311.6	618.0	782.4
ORDERS						
Divorce - Nisi	37.8	126.8	189.0	258.2	504.8	651.0
Absolute	22.6	106.6	166.8	242.4	422.2	646.0
Judicial Separation	0.6	0.4	0.8	2.2	1.4	1.6
Nullity of Marriage	0.2	0.6	0.6	1.8	0.4	3.6
RESTITUTION OF CONJUGAL RIGHTS.						
Petitions	0.2	-	-	-	0.8	1.2
Decrees	-	-	-	-	0.8	0.4

	Years					
	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954
WRITS						
Divorce	784	781	812	805	921	832
Judicial Separation	2	1	-	2	1	1
Nullity of Marriage	4	1	-	5	2	6
Total	790	783	812	812	924	839
ORDERS						
Divorce - Nisi	675	615	608	596	634	654
Absolute	590	661	637	581	628	594
Judicial Separation	-	2	-	1	-	-
Nullity of Marriage	2	3	4	3	8	4
RESTITUTION OF CONJUGAL RIGHTS						
Petitions	-	1	-	-	-	-
Decrees	-	-	-	-	-	-

2. Grounds on which Divorces etc. granted

	1953			1954		
	Petition by -			Petition by -		
	Husband	Wife	Total	Husband	Wife	Total
DIVORCES ABSOLUTE						
Adultery	145	95	240	129	87	216
Desertion	113	151	264	124	124	248
Habitual Cruelty	4	103	107	5	108	113
Insanity	3	-	3	3	1	4
Drunkenness	1	9	10	1	5	6
Failure to Maintain	-	3	3	-	3	3
Other	-	1	1	2	2	4
Total	266	362	628	264	330	594
NULLITY OF MARRIAGE						
Impotence	2	2	4	1	3	4
Bigamy	1	1	2	-	-	-
Invalid Marriage	-	2	2	-	-	-

3. Divorce Absolute - Numbers according to  
Duration of Marriage and Issue

Duration of Marriage Years	ISSUE (Living Children under 16 years)								
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
<u>1953</u>									
0 - 4	51	18	2	-	-	-	-	-	71
5 - 9	68	56	47	9	7	2	-	-	189
10 - 14	45	48	34	10	8	1	2	-	148
15 - 19	26	21	17	13	6	2	3	1	89
20 - 24	20	13	10	6	4	-	2	2a	57
25 - 29	30	6	3	1	1	1	-	-	42
30 - 34	15	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	19
35 - 39	9	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	11
40 - 44	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
45 - 49	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Total	266	166	115	39	26	6	7	3a	628
<u>1954</u>									
0 - 4	34	26	4	-	-	-	-	-	64
5 - 9	84	56	42	9	1	1	1	-	194
10 - 14	40	42	m35	14	7	1	-	-	139
15 - 19	16	24	28	12	4	2	1	-	87
20 - 24	26	12	2	4	3	2	-	-	49
25 - 29	20	5	5	1	-	-	-	-	31
30 - 34	20	5	-	1	-	-	-	-	26
35 - 39	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
40 - 44	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 49	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	244	170	116	41	15	6	2	-	594

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4. Divorce Absolute - Numbers according to Ages at time of Divorce

Age of Husband	Age of Wife								Total
	Under 25	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50 & over	Not Stated	
<u>1953</u>									
Under 25	18	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	19
25-29	35	44	12	1	1	1	-	-	94
30 - 34	5	41	49	15	-	-	-	-	110
35-39	2	19	41	45	10	4	-	-	121
40-44	-	5	16	33	27	8	3	-	92
45-49	-	2	4	14	30	20	2	-	72
50 & over	2	-	1	9	21	31	50	-	114
Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	6
Total	62	112	123	117	89	64	55	6	628
<u>1954</u>									
Under 25	13	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	16
25-29	32	52	5	-	1	-	-	-	90
30-34	10	52	52	13	1	1	-	-	129
35-39	5	16	35	42	15	1	-	-	114
40-44	-	5	14	25	30	6	1	-	81
45-49	-	1	8	14	27	18	4	-	72
50& over	-	-	2	6	12	21	42	-	83
Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	9
Total	60	129	116	100	86	47	47	9	594